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Council Meeting Held April 4

MORINVILLE — A meeting of the Municipal District of Morinville was held at the municipal office on Monday, April 4.

The new council consists of: John Schafers, division 1; Stanley M. Walker, division 2; Nick C. Perratt, division 3; Gustave Meunier, division 4; Joseph Dusseault, division 5.

Councillor Dusseault was elected reeve for the ensuing year.

Councillor Schafers was elected deputy reeve for the ensuing six months.

An Agricultural Service Board, made up of J. M. Fontaine, district agriculturist; Albert St. Arnaud of Vimy; Jackie Dhorot of Calahoo, N. C. Perrott of R. R. No. 2, Morinville, and John Schafers of Morinville, was formed for 1949.

Mr. John Schafers was appointed chairman of the service board, and J. O. Patry as secretary. W. Ellett is field supervisor.

CARDIFF NEWS

CARDIFF — Cardiff is well on the way to having a new baseball diamond. All the boys helped improve it on Saturday and Sunday under the able direction of Manager Joe Kueser. First the field was tilled, then it was levelled out with a grader and all roots and grass were hauled away. All that now remains to be done is the measuring of the diamond.

Cyril Christien and his son George have gone on a trip to the United States by car. They have been away for two weeks already. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Vion are now making preparations for their visit to Belgium. They will leave on May 9 and expect to stay at least three months. They also plan to spend a few days at Toronto and New York.

Joe Pint is often seen making use of his recently bought car.

MORINVILLE NEWS

MORINVILLE — A shower in honor of Miss Lorette Brochu, bride-elect of April 26 was held on Friday, April 8.

The Morinville and district young people who attended the Vermilion School of Agriculture have returned home after successfully completing the five-month course.

On Saturday, April 9, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Marchand of R. R. No. 2, Morinville.

Mrs. Emery Tellier is in hospital.

Another successful concert given by "Les Hirondelles," under the direction of Mrs. Leon Riopel, was held Sunday, April 10.

The Riviere Qui Barre baseball team got off to a good start for the year by beating Gibbons in a game played at Morinville last Sunday.

Miss Juliette Comeau is employed at A. Chailfoux's store.

The Morinville girls' softball team had its first practice on Sunday.

Dr. Peter Schmidt, who came to Morinville only a short time ago, has left. However, replacing him in the near future will be Dr. Perrault from Coal Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpeller have returned from their stay at the coast. With them came their daughter, Corrine.



PHOTO Trans-Canada Air Lines.

FIRST CHICKENS TO FLY from Australia to Vancouver are these fifty chipper birds shown intriguing Customs Inspector Jack Murray. They arrived aboard the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines Sleeper plane recently for Mrs. J. McLeod, North Vancouver. They were hatched just before embarking. The baby chicks needed no food on the \$8 hour trip.

LEGAL NEWS

LEGAL — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garneau are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Rene Sequin and Mrs. Lucien St. Martin are back home with their baby girls.

Mr. L. Davio underwent an operation last week. He is coming along as well as can be expected. Mrs. Vaugeois is said to be improving quite a lot since the last few days.

An auction sale was held at Maurice Vaugeois last Saturday.

Mr. Gerard Leblanc from Edmonton and Theresa Coulombe formerly of Legal will be married here next week. Their wedding dance will be held at St. Albert.

Mr. Gerard Chenard and Miss Germaine Roux, both of Legal, are to be married shortly.

Sunday will be Mr. and Mrs. P. Belley's 50th wedding anniversary. A dinner will be held at Nap. Belley's for the occasion.

Fire Razes Barn

VIMY — Fire, unwittingly set to hay piled near the barn by a small child, completely destroyed Francois Fortier's barn last Saturday. In a matter of seconds, the flames had leaped to the roof. Frantic telephone calls by the neighbors, Mr. Chappel got all surrounding neighbors to the scene to help prevent spread of the fire to neighboring buildings.

A strong southerly wind sent burning shingles soaring across the road to at least three hundred yards to Mr. Chappel's barn. Maurice Fortier's quick thinking prevented the fire from getting a head start there by stuffing his hat into the hole already burned through the roof.

The Westlock fire department arrived as the walls of Mr. Fortier's barn had finished burning. They had at least ten miles to cover to reach the farm.

Gains High Music Honors

MORINVILLE — The pupils of Morinville Music Students' Association were very happy to learn that Miss Margaret Scott of Barrhead, first year student at the University of Alberta, received top honors in the musical test held recently.

She is well known here, having played on several occasions during recent recitals held by the students of Mr. J. Surett. Miss Scott was a student of Mr. J. Surett before her entry at Varsity.

25th Wedding Anniversary

MORINVILLE — Friends and neighbors gathered last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gill of Alcomdale to honor them on their 25th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing cards and singing.

Lunch was served, after which Mr. A. Soetart presented the couple with a purse of silver.

All those present were cordially invited to return on the Gills' 50th anniversary.

VIMY VIGNETTES

VIMY — Miss Germaine Dusseault is back home following her graduation in Home Economics at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. Miss Dusseault won several first prizes for dressmaking and handicrafts. Mr. Jos. Dusseault went to the graduation ceremonies and displays at the school.

The Co-op store annual meeting held last Friday named two new directors to its board. Wilfred Seguin and Wilfred Provincial were elected to replace Emile Laplante and Russel Sterling.

A "bingo" and basket social was held last Sunday sponsored by the church.

Wolves and M.L.A.'s

By ALBERT MEYER

For the past several months the problem of the wolves and coyotes has been discussed by the press and radio as well as the provincial government. During the present sitting of parliament, Hon. N. E. Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines, admitted his department as being stumped.

Many suggestions have been given, including hunting from aeroplanes, organizing coyote hunts and even putting poison capsules in the dens of the coyotes. These suggestions came from various M.L.A.'s in the province.

The idea of hunting from aeroplanes is more amusing than practical as the sound of any plane would only drive the packs of wolves and coyotes to the timber where anyone perched up a few thousand feet would have a hard time seeing, let alone shooting them.

The member who suggested depositing poison capsules in the dens failed to explain how they expected to make the animals swallow these capsules in order to poison them. Anyone who has ever trapped coyotes or wolves could very easily tell you that these animals are much smarter and suspicious than most humans and are harder to exterminate than the neighbors' dogs.

As for organizing professional coyote hunts, if an example of this is the people who come from the cities every fall hunting ducks and invading farms, shooting at anything that moves, whether friend or foe, well give us the coyotes and wolves as they at least don't have guns.

The provincial government has overlooked or dismissed the only sensible and practical way of ridding the country of these pests. That is by a bounty substantial enough to warrant catching them. First of all, the only people who are going to catch coyotes and wolves to any extent whatever are the trappers. For the past two years the price of the pelts has been so low they are insulting.

When the price of fur was higher there were very few coyotes and wolves menacing the farmer's stock, and killing off the big game.

Get the government to put a bounty of \$15.00 on wolves and at least \$5.00 on coyotes and the trappers and farmers will do the rest.

As long as the government stalls and beats around the bush about giving adequate means for ridding Alberta of these pests, the less deer, moose and caribou there will be in the province.

School Principal Puzzled By Bill

REDWATER — Mr. Reilly, our high school principal, was stumped for awhile this week when a letter had been delivered to him. On opening it he found it was a maternity bill from a local doctor.

Mr. Reilly of course has no family so this made it impossible for the bill to belong to him, but as he is the only Mr. Reilly in town, the letter was probably not meant for him after all.

ST. ALBERT BRIEFS

ST. ALBERT — Miss Roselba Toupin spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. Toupin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Kluthe and family have moved on their farm which they bought from Mr. Pierre Girard. Mr. Girard has purchased and moved on a farm in the Fort Saskatchewan district.

A few persons of St. Albert attended the Knights of Columbus charity bingo, in the St. Joachim's parish hall in Edmonton last Sunday. Some came home with prize hams.

We take pleasure in welcoming Miss Yvette L'Heureux and Miss Florence Lefort of North Battleford, who have taken employment in St. Albert. Miss L'Heureux is employed at the Red and White Store and Miss Lefort is cook at the Hotel Coffee Shop.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Bonneville a son. Congratulations!

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. D. G. MacDonald and Mrs. Eugene Dupuis are home from the hospital.

Miss Tena MacDonald of Innisfail is holidaying in St. Albert.

David Joyal sprained his ankle last Sunday. Be more careful next time, David!

The girls' softball team has started practising for their summer season. Good luck girls!

The C.Y.O. held their regular meeting Sunday. Plans are being made to hold a dance at the community hall on May 24.

Mrs. W. L. Veness was taken to the hospital Sunday night. We hope it will not be for long and that she will soon return.

VILLENEUVE NEWS

VILLENEUVE — The first baseball practice for the season was held on Sunday afternoon. An invitation was sent to Lady Luck to accompany the team wherever they play!

A concert will be presented by the C.Y.O. members on April 24. The program consists of three one-act plays under the direction of Rev. Father Carter.

Mrs. Fernande Prefontaine of Legal spent the week-end with Miss M. C. Hebert.

Sincere sympathy goes to the bereaved families who mourn the death of Fetise Bootsman of Villeneuve and that of Mrs. Boulay, Edmonton, Mrs. Dothagary's sister.

Mrs. C. Gouvelas is in the Edmonton hospital. She went in last week.

RADWAY NEWS

RADWAY — A taxi cab is operating in Radway especially for workmen from the Redwater oil fields.

Social events of the past week were as follows: Sunday, March 27, whist drive at Radway hall; Wednesday, March 30, concert of music, dance and song sponsored by Div. 1 and Div. 2 of Radway, proceeds for educational needs; Saturday, April 2, bazaar at Martin Centre school.

On Wednesday, March 30, Mr. Joseph Danelovitch of Radway passed away at the age of 80. He is survived by his loving wife, Mrs. Johanna Danelovitch, one son, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were arranged by Park Memorial.

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"Our Jim" Resigns Portfolio of M. and R.

It is a popular thing to say of public men that they belong to "the people." But seldom does this statement express the truth as surely as it does in the case of the Hon. James A. MacKinnon, member of parliament for West Edmonton since 1935 and cabinet minister since 1939. To most people in this province he has become fondly known as "Our Jim."

Last week, after repeated warnings from his medical advisers that he must take things easier, Jim resigned from the heavy portfolio of Mines and Resources, and announced that he would not be a candidate in the forthcoming Federal election. At the request of the Prime Minister he will continue to represent Alberta in the cabinet as Minister without Portfolio for the rest of the session.

During the heavy war and post-war period Jim carried the burdensome post of Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Canada will long have reason to be grateful for the impressive series of trade treaties he negotiated for us all over the world. At the same time he kept himself at the disposal of anybody who had occasion to write to him asking his help in any question that arose. His personal correspondence was tremendous. No request was too much, no matter too trivial. Every letter was promptly answered, each errand faithfully discharged.

Jim has earned, as few men in public life can ever hope to, the full right to take things easier. However, thousands of his constituents, and thousands more in all parts of this province, read the news of his retirement with the regret that comes from knowing they were losing the services of a man who considered public office as an opportunity of serving his community, his province, his country—and all who needed his aid.

The finest tribute we can think of to offer him is one which has already been bestowed upon him . . . the simple, friendly nickname . . . "Our Jim."

That is our accolade.

Soft-Pedal Their Provincial Rights Theme

It is interesting to note that Progressive-Conservative spokesmen, including "Gorgeous George" Drew, their leader, have soft-pedalled their provincial rights theme in speeches made in Western Canada.

This is the result of more than the usual Tory tactics of making one appeal in one section of the country, another somewhere else. It is the result of the fact that when Drew, and his good friend Maurice Duplessis, of Quebec, speak of provincial rights, they aren't thinking of all the provinces, but only of Ontario and Quebec.

The attitude of these two, while widely shared in their own provinces, is a little hard for residents of other provinces, especially the western provinces, to follow. They consider that Ontario and Quebec, as "senior partners" in Confederation have special rights arising from the fact that Confederation was entered into primarily to solve the problems which existed between these two sections of Canada from the earliest period in our national history.

Albertans would be well advised to ask themselves what kind of government they can hope to get from a party headed by men who hold such unusual views concerning the rights of the western provinces!

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Far beyond the bounds of Scotland, the name of Frank Mears is known. It is famous because its possessor knows more about bounds and boundaries than most other people. To put it plainly, he is one of the world's great town and country planning experts, and is the author of one of the most comprehensive surveys of this kind that has ever been done. This report on the planning of the whole of the south-eastern quarter of Scotland is a large and very impressive volume, and has achieved wide attention in the press in Britain. Students of this comparatively new social science will study the results of Sir Frank's five years of work with intense interest, for it considers every aspect of life in this part of Scotland from weather to wool.

Descended from a Huguenot family which settled in England in 1689, Sir Frank although born south of the Scottish border, has lived almost all his life in Scotland's capital, Edinburgh. He was educated at that famous school, George Watson's College, and was then apprenticed to a noted architect in the city, Hippolyte Blanc. The early and growing influence of that modern pioneer of town-planning, Sir Patrick Geddes, of Edinburgh, caught the young aspiring architect, who came to be associated with the master in several notable works— the University and National Library at Jerusalem; the Zoological Park in Edinburgh, and the survey in 1908 of that city. He has designed many bridges, and was responsible for reconstructing the centre of Old Stirling.

But his ideas run ahead of present-day conditions, and such vision is of great value to the man who is laying plans for the next generation. Appreciation of his many gifts, not least those of an artist in his particular profession, has been expressed in diverse quarters and various ways. His knighthood, bestowed in 1946; Doctor of Laws, by Edinburgh University in 1945; and by his election as President of the Scottish Academy in 1944.

As an instance of his agile mind, it may be recalled that there is a Mears Parachute. The young Frank Mears, when the First World War broke out, joined the colors, and in the course of his active service saw how improvements could be made in the type of parachute then in use. His suggestions were adopted, and his name became associated with the new 'chute'. In the same way, his latest and greatest series of proposals will be known for many a long year as "the Mears' Report."

CHILDREN'S COLDS

April in most parts of Canada means melting snow and running water. It also means wet feet for the children and, unless care is taken, colds and coughs will increase. It's hard to keep children's feet dry all the time, but an effort should be made to change footwear frequently when they're at play. A little care at this time may avoid a nasty session with a spring cold.

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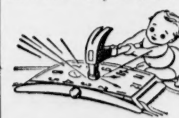
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Alberta Politics Are Becoming Live Issue

Albertans in all sections of the province will realize during the Easter recess of parliament at Ottawa, that an election is certainly in the offing. Nominating conventions have been set for early dates by all political parties.

At Medicine Hat, on April 12 the Liberal party will hold its nominating convention in the Trianon Hall, and on the same evening a candidate for the Liberals will be chosen for the Lethbridge constituency. Hon. Stewart Garson, minister of justice, will be the special speaker and will present the Liberal government's position on questions of the day at both these conventions.

On Wednesday, April 13, Hon. James Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, will be in Vauxhall to meet irrigation farmers and those wanting extensions to the Canada Land and Irrigation Company system. He will address a public meeting when it is expected the irrigation policy of the government in further development by the departments of agriculture and reconstruction through the P.R.A. will be discussed.

Extension of the Canada Land project to irrigate up to another 200,000 acres south of Lomond and east across the Bow river in the Suffield and Redcliff districts is said to be near action.

Calgary will have a visit from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, on April 16, and Edmonton will pay him its tribute on April 11. In both cities he will be tendered a complimentary dinner and be given a public reception and other honors. People are busy guessing as to the probable date for a general election, but the prime minister has already assured the public in a statement to the press in Ottawa that no election announcement will be made during the Easter recess of parliament.

The members and public in general therefore will have to await the reassembling of parliament before learning the government's plans for an election, if these have been completed.

In the northern part of the province two more Liberal nominating conventions have been arranged for during the next two weeks. At Hanna a Liberal convention will be held on April 13 for the purpose of selecting a candidate for

the Acadia constituency. The guest speaker at this convention will be the provincial Liberal leader, J. Harper Prowse.

On April 16 a nominating convention will be held at Vermilion for the purpose of choosing a candidate for the Battle River constituency. The special speaker at this gathering will be Hon. James Gardiner, M.P.

Other conventions are being rapidly arranged for by the Liberal association of Alberta and long before the time for an election there will be a candidate selected for all of the 17 federal constituencies in the province, according to officials of the party at Liberal headquarters in Edmonton.

HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFITS ALBERTA

The federal government has set aside money under the national health program to assist in meeting the cost of extensions to the municipal hospitals at Lacombe and at Stettler and for the purpose of building a new hospital at Rimbey. Hon. Paul Martin, minister of National Health, made the announcement in Ottawa this week.

Under the national health plan the federal government will pay \$1,000 per bed to encourage new hospital construction. At Lacombe the hospital serves 8,000 people in its district. It is increasing its bed accommodation from 22 to 55 to meet the growing needs of the area. It will receive more than \$33,300 from the federal government in grants.

At Stettler the hospital is more than doubling its present bed capacity. This hospital has been over-crowded for the past five years. The new addition will pro-

Housing Units For 1948 Number 81,243

The federal government's record of new housing units built during 1948 came to light in parliament through a question by Angus MacInnis, C.C.F. member for Vancouver this week. A total of 81,243 housing units were built in Canada in 1948. This included 5,146 units added by conversion and 11,939 completed with financial assistance under the National Housing Act.

The total amount of financial assistance through loans approved under the National Housing Act in 1948 was \$101,612,194. About 25 per cent of all housing units completed during the year were built for rental.

Manitoba has provided the first residential Normal School in Canada capable of housing sufficient students for replacements in the teaching profession.

Prime Minister's Itinerary

The following is the full program for Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's itinerary in his Alberta tour, April 11 and 16:

April 11—EDMONTON

11:00 a.m.—The prime minister will address the staff and students of the university.

12:15 p.m.—Luncheon sponsored by the Kiwanis, Canadian Club and Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, at the Macdonald Hotel, in honor of the prime minister.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon in the Macdonald Hotel in honor of Mrs. St. Laurent and her daughter, tendered by the Edmonton 20th Century Club and the Women's Liberal Association.

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Public reception at the Trocadero.

8:15 p.m.—Public meeting at the Sales Pavilion in the Exhibition Grounds.

April 16—CALGARY

12:35 p.m.—Prime minister and party arrive at C.P. station, where he will be met by friends. You are welcome to be on hand.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.—Public reception Oval Room, Palliser Hotel, at which the prime minister will speak briefly, and at which Mrs. St. Laurent and their daughter will be present.

4:00 p.m.—The prime minister will visit veterans at the Belcher Hospital, and Mrs. St. Laurent and her daughter will have tea with the Calgary Women's Liberal Association.

6:30 p.m.—The prime minister will address a joint dinner meeting sponsored by the Calgary Canadian Club and the Calgary Board of Trade.

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Miriam Hopkins, in William Wyler's "The Heiress" for Paramount.

Best Rotations

For Grey Soils

The importance of rotating crops cannot be over emphasized, particularly in the northern grey-wooded soil areas. These soils, characterized by their light color, poor fibre content, low bacterial activity and tendency to bake, must be farmed carefully if satisfactory yields are to be obtained. They may respond to commercial fertilizer but the use of legume crops will give more lasting improvement, particularly with respect to the physical condition of these soils, says C. H. Anderson, Assistant Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Station, Beaverlodge, Alta.

Work on the wooded soils of the Peace River region has shown the value of a summerfall-wheat-sweet clover rotation. On the basis of two years' results at three illustration stations, wheat following the plowing of the sweet clover stubble yielded five bushels per acre more than did wheat following oats in a comparable four-year rotation. This was an increase of 21 per cent.

At Dabolt where the land had been cropped for some years the differences were particularly outstanding. The wheat following sweet clover was a rich green in color, while that following oats was a sickly yellow, suggesting a nitrogen deficiency.

Where alfalfa can be grown successfully for seed, a longer rotation may be advantageous. A six-year rotation of fallow-grain-clover followed by three years of alfalfa would be suitable. If hay production is an important objective a grass-legume mixture consisting of brome and alfalfa can be used to advantage.

At Dabolt a rotation consisting of fallow-wheat-barley-hay-hay, has been very satisfactory. In a three-year average the first hay crop has amounted to 1.09 tons per acre and the second hay crop 1.76 tons. By observation it is apparent that the fibre content of the soil at Dabolt is steadily increasing.

Fashion Note:

Dresses Will Be 'Interchangeable'

A new idea put on the market by Susan Small, of London, is a cocktail frock of oyster satin with a black lace over-dress. The whole dress is actually made so that the bodice and skirt are separate and the two dresses can be worn independently of one another. This double-duty idea is also carried out in tunic dresses which have again become popular—the tunic being worn with another skirt and the skirt doing duty with a separate top.

Britain Contributes

To Non-Stop Flight

The recent epoch-making non-stop flight around the world by a U.S. Air Force B-50 plane was made possible by the technique of refuelling in the air while the bomber was in flight. This process is a British invention and the equipment which was actually used during this remarkable journey was also British. It was similar to that employed last year on the British Overseas Airways Corporation's North Atlantic service during a non-stop flight from London to Montreal.

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Some 70 resolutions covering the many problems of the teaching profession will come before the three day convention. Convention headquarters will be in the MacDonald Hotel.

Canadian labor income in 1948 totalled \$7,130,000,000. This was an increase of \$895,000,000 or 14 per cent over 1947.

New Surgery Knife Saves Loss of Blood

Surgery in which blood lost during an operation is automatically and immediately returned to the patient's body has been made possible by the invention of a young English hospital attendant. He has developed a patented new type of surgeon's knife which as it cuts draws in the flowing blood, purifies it and pumps it back into the patient's veins. The inventor is 24-year-old W. G. Gregory, operating room technician at Exeter City hospital (West England). The knife has a grooved blade and a light tube running from the handle. As an incision is made, a small electrical pump draws the blood from the wound, passes it through the purifying system and returns it immediately through a vein in the arm.

Britain Assists Germany to Meet Cultural Needs

A British Relations Board was recently formed in Germany to deal with cultural and educational affairs. The board is directed by Britain's Military Governor, General Robertson, and has as chairman his political adviser Mr. Steel. There will be a regional branch in each land and meetings will be held at the General's headquarters. Its purpose is to offer assistance and advice rather than to impose it. Its activities will be conducted through information centres in the British Zone.

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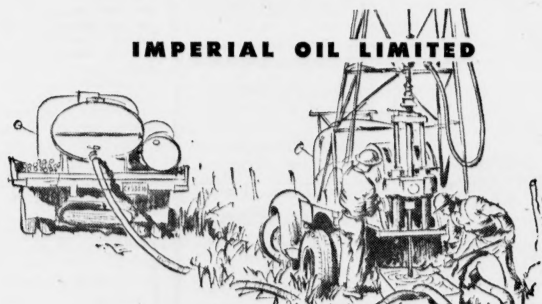
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Antiquities of Britain

By Elizabeth Richmond

EVESHAM AND BROADWAY

Spring is the best time to visit Evesham on the River Avon in Worcestershire in the Midlands of England. For this country town is in the heart of one of the great fruit-growing districts in Britain, and in the lovely English spring the orchards which stretch for miles round Evesham form a foaming panorama of pear, plum and apple blossom in full bloom.

The centuries have left a great heritage of beauty to Evesham: ancient stone walls, black and white cottages, and timbered doorways. In medieval times Evesham possessed a magnificent Abbey which drew large numbers of pilgrims, but this building was destroyed in the 16th century.

The remains of this ancient Abbey, fortunately, have been restored carefully, and it is possible for the traveller to see what the powerful stonework looked like in those medieval days. A great entrance arch, which linked the cloisters to the chapter house, gives an idea of the Abbey's former grandeur.

Near the spot where the high altar of the Abbey once stood, a monument marks the burial place of Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, who was killed in 1265 in the Battle of Evesham. He had fought to defend the liberties of the people and he had forced his brother-in-law, King Henry III, to allow the first English Parliament to meet.

Nearby, the Abbey almonry, with its timbered walls, carved ceilings, and passages full of antique furniture, reveals something of the spirit of medieval England.

The Bell Tower rises above the Abbey ruins. It was designed by Clement Lichfield, last of the Abbots. He wanted this tower to be a landmark which could be seen all over the surrounding countryside which is known as the Vale of Evesham. The Bell Tower is 110 feet high, and its 12 tiers of arcades are surmounted by battlements and eight pinnacles. Lichfield was buried in All Saints Church in a chantry which has a finely carved fan-vaulted Tudor roof.

BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE

A few miles from Evesham on the road to Oxford the traveller reaches Broadway often described as England's most beautiful village. The main street of this famous village is a mile long with many picturesque houses and cot-

tages which date from the 16th and 17th centuries. A number of them are built of Cotswold stone, and with the passing of time have acquired a faint green tinge. The Lygon Arms, with its finely-executed 1620 doorway and old-world air, is a well-known hotel renowned for its hospitality.

A 14th century house, the Abbot's Grange, is half-hidden by a tall yew hedge, and nearby is a three-gabled Tudor house. In Prior's Manse the traveller may sit in a hall which was part of a medieval house. On the swinging sign of this house is a prior playing a fiddle.

Just outside Broadway is the Beacon Tower. On a fine day the traveller who climbs to the top of the Tower gets a magnificent view of thirteen counties. He can also see Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucester, Worcester Cathedral, Warwick Castle and even the roof tops of distant Stratford-on-Avon.

Oats May Lodge If Over Seeded

Each year lodging is responsible for great losses to the oat grower in Canada. This is particularly true in those areas where moisture is abundant, where storms commonly occur or where the soil is rich in nitrogen and without sufficient minerals. Results of experimental work carried on at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and at the Branch Experimental Farms at Lacombe, Alberta, and Kapuskasing, Ontario, show that as the rate of seeding increases, the amount of lodging may also increase.

Carefully controlled tests conducted by the Cereal Division at Ottawa, says Dr. D. G. Hamilton, have shown that an oat crop can best escape lodging when the plants do not grow too tall; when they have well developed thick straws, and when the anchor root system, just below the soil level, has room to grow vigorously. When oats are seeded at a heavy rate conditions are too crowded for sturdy plants to develop. In thick stands, the plants grow spindly. The straws are too thin in relation to their height and lodging is very likely to occur. These plants which are too thickly spaced in the drill row have poorly developed anchor roots which make them all the more apt to fall over.

If oats are seeded at a moderate rate or 2 to 2½ bushels per acre the plants have a better chance to develop normally and less lodging should result. At the same time, the grasses and legumes, which are usually seeded down with the oats, will come through in better condition. Moreover, on good soils, a 2 to 2½ bushel rate will usually give just as good a yield as heavier rates.

It must not be forgotten that other things besides rate of seeding may affect the amount of lodging in an oat field. Very fertile soils, particularly those high in nitrogen, produce a rank, succulent growth which often lodges

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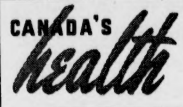
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badly. Also varieties differ in strength of straw. For best oat production, all factors which contribute to more lodging must be recognized and controlled if possible. Too heavy seeding is one that can be remedied easily.



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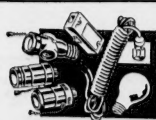
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HERE and THERE

By T.W.P.

As we travel through life, we are greeted from time to time with little whimsical saying which help to brighten the pathway. Some are sterling words of advice, some are unusually shrewd in their philosophy while others are simply harmless little homely expressions.

DON'T ASK THE RABBI

I don't know where I heard it, but this one, "Don't ask the Rabbi because he might say no," is for those who, anxious to do the right thing are nevertheless hedged about by a lot of trifling rules. Depending upon one's own good judgment the subject proceeds to obey the dictates of his own conscience, with a clear mind, knowing no sure rule to the contrary, that might block his action.



T. W. Puc

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weapon again to the lake and the King is grieved by the prospect of losing that which he has just received and so highly regards.

The lesson to be learned here is that between now and the inevitable day of evil we have wonderful opportunity, so why not make the best of it?

HE WHO CONVINCED

Remember the little rhyme:

"He who convinced against his will
Remains the same opinion still."

Which amounts to the fact that you can convince some people of an idea which they should accept but because of sheer cussedness they won't give you the satisfaction of knowing they're convinced—and they'll continue to support the opposing view. This is a case of where prejudice keeps the subject from being honest with his own reason.

A CHINESE SAYING

Confucius came off with a lot of bright sayings in his day and one which I think characterizes the whole human race in combat and struggle, is:

"If your assailant is pushing you over the cliff, death can be made sweeter if you drag your assailant after you."

I think of Hitler, preparing for death in the bomb-proof shelter of the Reich Chancellery, with brave men, Germans and Russians dying all around him. For him death was certain. Why didn't he call the war off and thereby save countless lives? Because, consciously or not, he subscribed to Confucius' old saying.

LOVE AND HATE

The late Hon. Ernest LaPointe, former Minister of Justice, once said something along this line: "A Liberal is a Liberal because he loves something; a Conservative is a Conservative because he hates something."

Conceding the right of Mr. LaPointe to express his political convictions in this bit of homely philosophy, it is a mighty fine piece to tack on to our conscience. Let us ask: "Do I do this because of something I love or to hurt something I hate?"

The individual or organization that is motivated by hatred of something instead of by love for something, won't make a very worthwhile contribution to society or reap the rewards of success.

THE MOSLEM PROPHET

Somewhere I've heard a story about Mohammed, the Moslem prophet who impressed his followers by ordering a mountain to come over to where he was. But the mountain didn't obey his order and so Mohammed forthwith walked over to the mountain.

The saying from this story: "If the mountain won't go to Mohammed, Mohammed will go to the mountain." There's a truth here for us to remember. If there are opposing courses of action proposed to accomplish the same thing, and one is proven impossible, the proponent of the worthless plan should not hesitate to immediately accept a simpler and easier solution. It amounts to the same thing in the end.

THERE ARE OTHERS

Undoubtedly there are many other sayings that fit easily into our speech and way of life. If you know of others, drop me a line. I will be pleased.

Alberta Farmers Reap Benefits From P.F.A. Fund

Farmers in Alberta have every reason to be grateful to the dominion government for the benefits provided through the Prairie Farm Assistance Act. Last month cheques totalling \$5,750,000 were mailed out to some 58,969 farmers in the prairie provinces and the farmers in Alberta had a large share of that sum. Those who benefited were, of course, those who suffered total or partial crop failure in 1948.

This was only the March instalment but from this source last year the Alberta farmers got \$2,282,000. The P.F.A., which was started in 1939 by the Liberal government, is essentially an insurance scheme intended to give western agriculturists minimum protection against the vagaries of climate of the prairie. Farmers contribute as a premium one per cent of the cash proceeds from the sale of their wheat, oats, barley and rye, with the government paying the balance of the fund.

When crops have been destroyed in any area through "natural hazards beyond man's control" such as drought, hail, frost, grasshoppers, floods and the like, the victims can claim compensation. The minimum is \$300 in townships which have averaged four bushels or less if the average crop has been four to eight bushels to the acre.

A total of \$104,173,000 has been disbursed under the scheme in the last decade, of which only \$35,000,000 came from the dominion's taxpayers as a whole.

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Great Britain Produces Vital Basic Element of Atomic Power

LONDON—By Cable—Plutonium has just been produced in Britain for the first time. This new development in atomic research was announced on March 6 by the Ministry of Supply. It is described as one of the most important steps forward in Britain's atomic energy program.

Plutonium is the man-made basic element used in creating atomic power and is extracted from uranium. It has been produced in small quantities at the

Ministry of Supply's Atomic Research Establishment. But the amount is quite sufficient for investigating the chemical and chemical engineering problems likely to be met in handling plutonium on a large scale.

It is in the form of a greyish white powder which can be made to break up and give out great energy. It forms an active ingredient of the atom and of the nuclear energy which can be used as power for driving machines and as fuel.

This first extraction in Britain of plutonium from uranium has provided much useful experience. This has proved particularly valuable in adding to the knowledge of how to separate this element from other materials. Important insight also has been gained into the best means of dispersing radioactivity to enable plutonium to be handled with safety.

DOES NOT EXIST IN A NATURAL STATE

The plutonium had been made by irradiating uranium for several months in a low energy atomic pile. When uranium is removed from the pile it contains plutonium, some unused uranium and also other products which are highly radioactive. The separation of plutonium is difficult and complicated work owing to the many different radioactive elements which are present. After extraction from the atomic pile the uranium must be stored under great precautions for several weeks before it is sufficiently free from radioactivity to be handled.

Plutonium is not a product that exists in a natural state anywhere on earth. It was first produced six years ago in the U.S.A. Since then scientists in the U.S.A. have continued to develop production of it. It existed only as a theoretical possibility until it was discovered as one of the by-products of the breakup of uranium within an atomic pile. Experts consider that it is likely to play a far greater part than uranium itself in the development of atomic energy for military, industrial and scientific purposes.

If it were not possible to make plutonium, it is estimated that only a very small fraction of the world's entire uranium deposits could be used for producing atomic energy. Natural uranium consists of about 139 parts which are not fissile for every one that will react. Plutonium production means that this larger proportion of in-

ert metal can be turned to use in making atomic power.

LAC LA BICHE NEWS

LAC LA BICHE — Mrs. Joseph Tardif made a business trip to Edmonton on March 30.

Mr. David Lamoureux of Normandeau made a business trip to Edmonton on March 25. On his return trip he stopped in Lac la Biche to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tardif.

Archdeacon R. Little is expected in Lac la Biche to take the service in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. He also will hold a baptismal service on Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

A sale of crown land was held at the Memorial Hall on April 4. Various parcels of school land and other crown lands were sold at an average of five to six dollars per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rizzoli and family left on April 2 to spend a week in Edmonton. Mr. Oscar Tremblay is looking after the airport while Mr. Rizzoli is on holiday.

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